

# USAID/Sri Lanka – Humanitarian Affairs Programs

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**USAID's programs in this area provide immediate assistance in times of crisis, support for vulnerable Sri Lankan communities, and promote stabilization in conflict-affected communities.**

## Meeting Basic Needs by Providing Emergency Assistance

USAID's Emergency Programs meet the immediate needs of conflict and disaster-affected individuals. USAID has provided food, seeds, tools, tarps, mosquito nets, emergency health services and sanitation facilities in both flood and conflict-affected areas. An estimated 1 million people have received assistance through these programs.

## Reunifying Children with Families through Counseling and Support

**USAID's New Beginnings for Children Affected by Conflict and Violence Program provides counseling and support to help children placed in government-run or private institutions, or at risk of being placed. The goal is to reunify children with their families. To date, 1,000 children have been reunified with families, 1, 500 children have been prevented from being institutionalized and over 10,000 families have received livelihood support.**

## Providing Comfort by Delivering Treatment and Counseling

**USAID's Victims of Trauma Treatment Program (VTTP) restores quality of life for survivors of violence by providing medical treatment and psychosocial counseling to victims and their families. VTTP conducts outreach campaigns to educate local officials and civil society.**

## Helping People with Disabilities by Providing Better Services

**USAID's Disability Support Programs provide assistance and training to orthopedic workshops and centers with the goal of increasing orthotic and prosthetic production levels, and improving current orthotic training material. These programs raise incomes for people with disabilities and foster inclusion in society.**

## Restoring Opportunity by Building Schools and Health Clinics

USAID and Pacific Command (PACOM) are working together to build and rehabilitate health clinics and schools in former conflict-areas. Two schools and four health facilities are planned for the North in late 2011, and five schools and six health facilities will be built in 2012.

## Providing Needed Services through Small Grants

USAID's Development Grants Program (DGP) provides small grants to local organizations for projects designed to reach vulnerable Sri Lankan communities, and provide much-needed services. One grantee, for example, is constructing a rain water harvesting system to provide 750 households with uncontaminated water.

## Strengthening Legal Services by Supporting a New Crime Lab

**USAID and the U.S. Department of Justice's Justice Sector Program is building the capacity of the Sri Lankan government's Analyst Department, supporting the establishment of the first DNA-capable crime laboratory.**

## Integrating Ex-Combatants through Counseling and Referrals

**USAID's program provides information, counseling and referral services to former members of the LTTE so they can take advantage of education, skills training and employment opportunities. The program works with approximately 11,000 former LTTE members.**



The U.S. government is a major donor of food assistance to IDPs.



The New Beginnings program is reuniting children with their families.



Victims of trauma receive support and counseling to rebuild their lives.



Children in Punnaiyadi enjoy a better learning environment, thanks to USAID and PACOM.



A former fighter receives training and materials to start a new life.

